

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

25th May 2021

From the Principal

If we spend our time focussing on the Church we are not spending our time focussing on spreading the good news.

The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission. -

Pope Francis.

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Occurring 50 days after Easter, it is a time when we recognise the Holy Spirit coming upon the apostles. It is also sometimes known as the birthday of the Church, because it was from that point onwards that the apostles started to preach the good news and Christianity began, however loosely.

Over the past two thousand years the Church has certainly had its ups and downs. There have been times when it has played a dominant role in society, and times when it has been so entrenched in scandal that it looked like the whole thing was going to collapse.

It could probably be said that, at the moment, the Church is going through dark times. Society has changed and it could be argued that the Church has not changed and adapted enough to keep up. For a place which is meant to be welcoming, some people don't find it very welcoming at all. Others have turned away from the Church due to the constant allegations of historical sexual abuse which were committed within Catholic parishes and schools.

But we need to remember that the Church is man-made. It is what sprung out of a growing Christian community 2000 years ago as a way of bringing some sort of order to their beliefs and values. Jesus never told his disciples to "go and start a Church." He told them to go out and preach the good news.

Because of this, whatever happens to the Church is whatever happens to the Church. It is not something we should be worrying about because if we spend our time focussing on the Church we are not spending our time focussing on spreading the good news. Don't get me wrong - the Church is a great and valuable thing, a way for people to come together and express their faith, a community that can be supportive and loving and that looks after each other.

But let's not get confused. God is not found only in the Church, or in church buildings. We do not need to go to the Vatican City and meet the Pope to experience God. God is here, with us, in our joys and in our pains, our celebrations and our sufferings. Because that was the purpose of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus ascended into heaven he promised to send the Holy Spirit to help and teach them. Sacred writers said the Holy Spirit gives "skill to the hand, courage to the heart and wisdom to the mind." And even today we are filled with the Holy Spirit, whether we recognise it or not.

So let's remember in our Star of the Sea Catholic community that we are all filled with the Holy Spirit, just as the apostles were 2000 years ago, and with it we can do great things.

Mr Richard Chapman, Principal



Star of the Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairener people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

Religious Education and Faith Development



May 16-25

- Heart
- Spirituality
- Attentiveness
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- Hospitality
- Compassion

The year of 'Laudato Si' is coming to an end but hopefully this will be the beginning of a movement that takes the message of Pope Francis about preserving and caring for creation into actions that will create a more sustainable world. All around the world groups have been active in initiating awareness through projects such as tree planting and creating gardens and countless webinars, to get us all thinking about how we can create a more sustainable world.

The theme for this special week is, "For we know that things can change." To change to a more sustainable planet it needs to happen at the grass roots - in our families, local communities, schools, businesses and farming practices.

As I was driving to work this week, I heard on the radio that according to recent research, Australians are the top of the list for consumers of single use plastic. The average Australian uses 59.3kg of single use plastic per year. Most of this plastic ends up in our water ways and oceans. If this statistic is correct and it just gets us thinking about the amount of disposable plastic in use in our everyday living this is a positive step, because that knowledge and awareness may guide us to make better choices for our environment and the protection of our planet and every person and creature that shares in it.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "in a gentle way you can shake the world." If we all do something small, we can start to make a difference. Here are some tips to reduce plastic waste:

- If you go shopping remember to take a reusable shopping bag
- Remember that chewing gum is also made of plastic
- Pack your lunch in reusable containers.
- Upcycle glass containers for food storage.
- Use paper over plastic wherever possible.
- Carry a reusable water bottle.



St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment had this advice:

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Stars of the Week - 20th May 2021

Kinder	Enoch Daire	For his wonderful, imaginative story telling.
Prep/1	Chase Davis	For getting so clever at writing on his own.
Grade 1/2	Arthur Miller	For an excellent start to Term 2.
Grade 3/4	Carlie Lowe	For excellent story writing. Well done Carlie.
Grade 5/6A	Shekinah MacFarlane	For her focus and determination during Math lessons.
Grade 5/6B	Grace Mahnken	For her dedication and enthusiasm in improving her spelling skills.

SetUp for Success

Our Early Learning program, **SetUp for Success** (simply known as *SetUp*) runs every Wednesday from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Kinder room.

Mrs Trudy Hoffman runs the program, which is a free Early Learning program for children aged 0-5 and their families.

We ask families not to attend *SetUp* if they or their children are ill.

Our *SetUp for Success* Facebook page is now up and running.

To receive posts from this page please use the following:

1. log into our Facebook page (*Star of the Sea Catholic College*)
2. find a recent *SetUp* post
3. click on the icon and it will take you straight to the *SetUp* page
4. once there, like it and you will then receive all *Setup* posts



Welcome

We welcome Drew (Year 7) and his family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

2022 Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kinder and Year 7 for 2022. If you would like your child to attend Star of the Sea in 2022, or know of someone who would like their child to attend, enrolment forms are available at our office and through our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Winter Uniform

We have, of course, moved into winter uniform and we thank all of the families who have arranged for their children to be in the right uniform. We certainly don't want students getting too cold during the day.

A reminder for parents and carers that boys should only be wearing shorts if a note has been supplied to the class teacher explaining the reason why (e.g. sensory issues, etc). Otherwise boys should be in long pants.

Also a reminder that girls are welcome to wear grey trousers if they want instead of the skirt. Some students find the trousers more comfortable and a bit warmer and therefore find them a good alternative.

Our uniform shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm.

Cross Country Colour Run

Thanks to all the staff, students and families that supported the colour run last Tuesday. Another terrific event that has engaged and brought together our entire school. It was fantastic to see so many kids out being active, with a smile on their face. We will soon be putting out letters for our NHSSA and TPSSA cross countries.

We have also raised \$3,000 towards our set of Mountain Bikes, which I am getting a quote for in the coming days. Please be aware fundraising is open for a further few days.

I am also pleased to announce the winner of the 2021 Star Academy of Sport Cross Country Shield is Presentation 169 points who defeated Nagle and Regina both 161 points. This is the closest finish in the seven years I have been at Star.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Champions

Year 3: Sabian Hawes & Allira Grayce Harris

Year 5: William Power & Grace Mahnken

Year 7: Caeden McCutchen & Rasia Russack

Year 9: Ezra Wighton & Brianna Taber

Year 4: Bradley Maney & Imogen Ackerly

Year 6: Axe Sturzaker & Sarah Summers

Year 8: Ashton Harrison & Nikiah Edwards

Year 10: Nicholas Brown & Amber Webb



Shout Out Term 2, Week 4, 2021

Evie King	Excellent sound recognition.
Darcie Power	Getting on with her work quickly.
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Declan Anelzark	Excellent spelling.
Sophia Giles	Being kind to others.
Darcie Power	Excellent writing.
Zoe Gillies	Being kind to others.
Chelsie Jenkins	Excellent sound recognition.
Chantz Brown	Being kind to kindergarten children.
Evie King	Beautiful handwriting.
Ruby Davidson	Being kind to others.
Ruby Davidson	Excellent Sound Recognition.
Joshua Chapman	Leadership skills during soccer match.
Thomas Smith	Getting on with his work quickly.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Excellent writing.
Isaiah Widdowson	Looking after a grade 1 student.
Zoe Gillies	Excellent writing.
Jack Lindfors	Looking after a Grade 1 student.



You are a Star

This weeks winners are:

Bienvinido Bennett:-

for his clever pattern work.

10 minutes extra recess for the class

Shiloh Leslie:-

for working to produce an excellent piece of artwork.

Lunch with Mr Taylor

PBS Focus:

We are safe when crossing the road by looking for traffic and always walking.



Term 2 Calendar

Monday 31st May - Reconciliation Day

Tuesday 1st June - Inter High Cross Country

Thursday 3rd June - TPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Monday 14th June - Queen's Birthday public holiday

Tuesday 22nd June - School Photo Day

Friday 25th June - TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1

Friday 2nd July - End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students

Sunday 4th - Saturday 11th July - NAIDOC Week

NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

Wednesday: Soccer @ NTCA - Netball @ Hoblers Bridge - No Hockey this week training at school

Thursday: Soccer @ Birch Avenue - Netball @ Hoblers Bridge - No Hockey this week training at school